

CHORUS FIGHTS FOR REFORMS.

Member of Mrs. Osborn's Company Would Effect Change in Managerial Treatment of Employees at Rehearsal.

STRIKERS MIGHT HAVE WON.

Young Woman Writes of Long Preparation for Which the Minor Members of the Company Thought They Should Be Paid.

A girl in Mrs. Osborn's "Fad and Folly" company has written The Evening World concerning the recent strike of members of the chorus. She says: "I ask you to publish this article, hoping it may bear fruit in the form of some kind of reform for a class of people who are absolutely at the mercy of managers and who, perhaps, are generally misunderstood by the public. The strike among the members of Mrs. Osborn's chorus deserves an explanation, we feel, which was not given by Mrs. Osborn's statement that it was contrary to all established custom to pay a company when they were not working."

"Now this is the point: What is work? We went to rehearsal at 11, 2 and 7 o'clock every day, remaining until 2, 3 and even 6 o'clock in the morning. The trouble was there were too many cooks engaged in rehearsing 'Tommy Rot' into 'Fad and Folly.' They would rehearse an act until they thought they had it perfectly to their taste, and then conclude the next morning that it was no good, and start something new. That was the reason that so many of the actors did not know their parts at the evening performances. The piece was changed so often that they did not know whether they were playing 'Tommy Rot' or 'Fad and Folly.'

Got Only Half Pay.

"After all this hard work and dress rehearsal, too, we were handed half pay. Of course, we struck. Who wouldn't, under the circumstances? The principals, however, were paid in full. Mrs. Osborn and Mr. La Shelle evidently concluding that though they were great—in their own estimation—the public would not be content to pay for them alone. They also raised the salary of the six Little Girls from \$5 to \$8. If all the girls had stood out, as a few of us did, we would probably have won. But the girls who were obliged to take the half loaf or run the risk of starving."

"Mrs. Osborn started her play-house with as good a lot of chorus girls as were to be found in New York. There are now but one or two of the originals. She stated in the papers she pays us better wages than any other chorus girls in New York. She doesn't do anything of the kind. We get but the regular rate—\$18 a week—that is we get it when we are not docked or put on half-pay."

Dropped Their Fight.

The writer of this plaintive little "explanation" makes out a very fair case, still it is hard to understand what good it will do her and her short-pay sisters. The "strikers" themselves closed the incident. Without Mrs. Osborn even deigning to come near them on the day the council of war was set.

It may be expensive were curtailed because the enterprise Mrs. Osborn and Miss Munro launched on society's sea is running close to the mark.

Be that as it may, Osborn, Munro, La Shelle, West, et al., are diligently endeavoring to make "Fad and Folly" worth the price. The "rehearsing" as a chorus-girl correspondent puts it, will go steadily on. It is going into the gutter.

One of these traditions—and a very good one it is—deals with the earlier history of the knife and the blue pencil. Mr. Herbert was called in, according to the story, and told that something must be done. "What?" inquired the theatrical director.

"This," said the muscular Miss Munro as she seized a hatchet and with a swift downward stroke cut the blade in the book of Rupert Hughes.

WIFE TRIES TO SAVE HIS SHIELD

Says She and Her Children Will Starve if He Is Permitted to Leave the Police Force.

Michael J. Reilly, a patrolman of the Charles street station, handed in his resignation and got it accepted to-day by Commissioner Partridge, although his wife made vain efforts to keep her husband on the force.

She went to Police Headquarters this morning and declared that her husband had abused her and that she and her five children were without money with which to buy food. She said that Reilly was leaving the force merely to spite her and to get himself into a position where it would not be so easy for her to force him to support her properly.

Mrs. Reilly and all her children waited at headquarters for nearly two hours to see the Commissioner, but, as he did not come, she went away. A few minutes later Col. Partridge showed up and asked on the resignation without knowing of the woman's visit.

Mrs. Reilly said her husband left his home yesterday morning, and after tendering his resignation at the station-house disappeared.

She appeared Reilly himself turned up at Headquarters and wanted to withdraw his resignation. He said that a business opportunity which he had in New York when he resigned had been lost by him. He refused to talk about his wife's charges.

Glensons to Dance.

Arrangements are complete for the annual reception of the James F. Glenson Association at Saksgrubund Hall, Brooklyn, to-morrow evening, and the affair promises to be one of the brilliant events of the season. A number of prominent members of the organization, prominent and several city officials are expected guests.

HELENE HADLEY IS AMONG THE STARS IN BROOKLYN.

Charming Actress Who Shines in "Quincy Adams Sawyer" Appears at the Amphion.



MISS HELENE HADLEY.

Brooklynites will have an opportunity this week of judging the talents of Miss Helene Hadley, who plays the blind girl in "Quincy Adams Sawyer," the drama of New England life, in which quaint characters from the Berkshires are introduced. During the run of the play at the Academy of Music, Manhattan, Miss Hadley made a distinct impression, her acting being strongly commended, and bringing her into prominence. She is a beautiful young woman, has charming traits and pronounced magnetism. The company presenting "Quincy Adams Sawyer" is well chosen, several members of the cast being actors of note. The play opens to-night at the Amphion Theatre, across the river, and will run for a week.

STAGE LIMELIGHT FOR BURNS GIRL.

Brooklyn Young Woman Will Shine as a Vaudeville Star Under the Real Article, After Her Escapades.

SHE'S REHEARSING NOW.

"I told you so," explains the sentiment with which the announcement that Florence Burns is going on the stage was received.

Upon the release of the Burns girl, now Mrs. Wildrick, from the Tombs, where she was held in connection with the murder of Walter Brooks, the report was made repeatedly and as many times denied that the young woman would go on the stage. Florence Burns frequently said she would never go on the stage.

She has now signed a contract, however, to "do the vaudeville circuit" in twenty weeks under the management of Irving E. Plonover, a newspaper man.

The engagement begins Dec. 29 and will continue until well into May. At present Miss Burns is collaborating with a young man who is writing a sketch as an excuse for her to exhibit herself. She is also rehearsing.

Her new manager—not her husband—is enthusiastic over the prospects of a financially successful season. He said: "Yes, it is true I have engaged Miss Burns to make a tour of the vaudeville houses, but I had hoped no one would discover it. (All managers of such celebrities hope the same.) Now that it is out I do not mind saying a few lines about her. The people will be greatly surprised to find that Miss Burns possesses rare histrionic art. She is a born actress. She should have made the stage her profession."

"No, it is not true; her sketch does not even suggest the unfortunate case in which she, by fate's decree, so prominently figured."

Wildrick, her husband, who says he is in the advertising business, will not accompany her. He will remain in New York and attend to his business, while she gets a few dollars out on the road.

BLUECOAT LAUGHED AT COMMISSIONER.

S. P. C. A. Policeman Ordered to Salute Mr. Piper, Firmly Declined.

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Capt. Piper's hand went up and the handbag he was carrying went with it. But Seymour stood like a carved image. Again Capt. Piper saluted, but Seymour remained impassive as a cigar store Indian.

"Where's your dark helmet?" snapped Capt. Piper, darting over to the policeman.

"Haven't got any." "And why not?" The Deputy Commissioner's neck was red and bulging.

"I never wear one."

"Don't trifle with me. Don't you know who I am?" shouted Capt. Piper.

"I do," said the imperturbable Seymour. "But I'm not under you. I am with the S. P. C. A." Then he laughed distinctly. In fact he roared.

"O-o-o-o-o-o," said Capt. Piper, getting redder still. Then he passed on.

The Wanamaker Store.

A Just-before-Christmas Sale of Framed Pictures

PICTURE SALES often happen, at almost every season of the year, except just before Christmas. That's one point that makes this sale exceptional. For Christmas is but little more than two weeks off.

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at regular retail prices. That's point Number Two. But the pictures go to you, in time to help you economize in your Christmas buying, at a third to a half below these prices. That's point Number Three.

The secret of it all is, that one of the foremost publishing and manufacturing concerns in the country—the Alfred S. Campbell Art Co., has decided to discontinue the making and selling of framed pictures, confining itself to publishing only. The decision was made right at the beginning of the holiday season—and we jumped at the opportunity; buying the entire made-up stock.

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At 15c, worth 25c—Carbon Gravures, in many good subjects; light and dark wood frames, 7x9, 9x11, 7x12 in. Three-color Prints, in gilt and wood frames, 6x8 in. At 25c, worth 40c and 50c—Carbon Gravures, plain and colored, in oak frames; 10x12 and 11x13 in. Platinotypes in dark frames; 9x11, 10x12 and 11x13 in. At 50c, worth 75c—Three-color Prints in shaded green frames; 14x19 in.; with gold ornaments; a variety of good subjects. Also many in odd-shaped frames; 10x15 in. At 75c, worth \$1.25 to \$1.50—Carbon Gravures, in bronze frames; 16x19 in. Three-color Prints in black-and-gilt frames; 8x13 and 10x20 in.; in shaded green and brown frames, 14x24 in.

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and refused to discuss his plans for the future.

The couple went at once to the home of Mrs. Yohs in Hastings. It is likely that they will return to England before long, as Mrs. Strong has \$25,000 coming from her former husband, Lord Hope. It is not recorded that she ever overlooked trifles of that kind.

It has not been learned that Mrs. Strong has invited her son and his wife to visit her.

Widespread Stagnation Throws Many Out of Employment.

COBENHAGEN, Denmark, Dec. 8.—The widespread suffering here resulting from industrial stagnation and commercial depression has been intensified by the unusual severity of the winter, which set in a month earlier than usual.

Building operations had largely to be abandoned, thus increasing the number of persons unemployed to an extent surpassing most of the records and seriously taxing the resources of the charity organizations.

England Honors Capt. Mahan.

LONDON, Dec. 8.—Capt. Alfred Mahan, U. S. N., retired, has been elected an honorary life member of the Royal United Service Institution in acknowledgment of his valuable contributions to the literature of the British Navy.

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Major-General Adna R. Chaffee describes in next Sunday's Christmas World how the soldier boys in blue spent last Christmas in Mantia; how they had a field day at St. Lazarro, ate turkeys from Australia and joyed over presents from home. Order the Christmas World in advance from your newsdealer. Out next Sunday	TEA. Very Best No. 1, All Kinds, A POUND, 35c.	Corn. Essie Brand. The Finest Packed in the State of Maine. Every Can Guaranteed. 10c	Egg Noodles, Butler's Perlem Brand, very best, a package..... 5c Carolan Rice, very best, 3 1/2 pounds..... 25c Peaches or Pears, Essie Brand, finest California, a can..... 21c Marshall's Kipperd Herbs, best imported, a can..... 15c Mince Meat, Blue Ribbon Brand, extra fine, a package..... 8c Olives, fancy Queen, luncheon size, 4 oz. bottle..... 5c Maple Syrup, pint bottle..... 15c
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